

| No.          | State             | 1997-98         | 1998-99        | 1999-2000      |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 8.           | Himachal Pradesh  | 64.50           | 49.80          | 47.46          |
| 9.           | Jammu & Kashmir   | 124.70          | 7.00           | 5.55           |
| 10.          | Karnataka         | 78.17           | 84.12          | 100.319        |
| 11.          | Kerala            | 49.29           | 49.35          | 59.975         |
| 12.          | Madhya Pradesh    | 195.67          | 35.93          | 152.203        |
| 13.          | Maharashtra       | 48.845          | 27.783         | 123.43         |
| 14.          | Manipur           | 13.50           | 19.64          | 13.28          |
| 15.          | Meghalaya         | Nil             | Nil            | Nil            |
| 16.          | Mizoram           | 13.48           | 8.45           | 12.30          |
| 17.          | Nagaland          | 15.29           | 9.00           | 9.70           |
| 18.          | Orissa            | 34.22           | 68.73          | 94.74          |
| 19.          | Punjab            | 14.03           | 8.65           | 11.57          |
| 20.          | Rajasthan         | 82.34           | 89.52          | 66.54          |
| 21.          | Sikkim            | 12.51           | 11.00          | 12.00          |
| 22.          | Tamil Nadu        | 61.284          | 74.63          | 61.18          |
| 23.          | Tripura           | 29.81           | Nil            | 19.97          |
| 24.          | Uttar Pradesh     | 112.11          | 89.57          | 117.81         |
| 25.          | West Bengal       | 69.69           | 72.96          | 55.20          |
| 26.          | Andaman & Nicobar | 20.56           | Nil            | 22.00          |
| 27.          | Chandigarh        | 12.00           | Nil            | 28.00          |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>1212.533</b> | <b>934.883</b> | <b>1298.00</b> |

#### National Forestry Action Programme

† 2825. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared a National Forestry Action Programme for expansion of forests;

(b) if so, the detailed outline of the programme;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.



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(c) the total amount estimated to be spent for implementation of the programme; and

(d) by when this programme is decided to be undertaken in this country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have formulated National Forestry Action Programme-India, a perspective plan for sustainable development for forests in the country for the next 20 years and to bring 33% of the total geographical area of the country under forest/tree cover as stipulated in the National Forest Policy, 1988. It envisages rehabilitation of 31 million ha. of degraded forests and extension of forest/tree cover on 29 million ha. of non-forest lands at an annual rate of afforestation/regeneration of 3 million ha. It is estimated that an amount of Rs. 1339027.8 million would be required over a period of next twenty year to implement the National Forestry Action Programme. Implementation of the Programme has started from the current financial year within the available budgetary support.

#### **Ban on Plastic Bags in Residential Societies**

2826. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environment is a common concern and people's participation and awareness is spreading fast;

(b) whether Government are considering to impose a complete ban on plastic bags in all residential societies and the success of the campaign has resulted in an upsurge in the demand of jute bags in the capital;

(c) whether several States like Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab and Goa have sought blue print of the formula to reinvigorate the similar campaign; and

(d) if so, what are Government's plans to make the campaign of banning plastic bags through out the country a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests have been organising the National Environment Awareness Campaign since 1986 for creating environmental awareness at all